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1. NORTH KOREA: MILITARY CONTINGENCY MEASURES.

NORTH KOREA APPARENTLY UNDERTOOK SOME  
MILITARY CONTINGENCY MEASURES FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF SOUTH  
KOREAN PRESIDENT PAK CHONG-HUI ON 26 OCTOBER. [REDACTED]

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PYONGYANG IS PROBABLY WATCHING FOR SIGNS OF SERIOUS  
POLITICAL INSTABILITY IN THE SOUTH. EVEN IF SUCH SIGNS  
DEVELOP, OTHER FACTORS WILL HAVE AN IMPORTANT EFFECT ON  
HOW THE NORTH MIGHT ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE SITUATION.

MOST IMPORTANT IS PYONGYANG'S PERCEPTION OF THE  
STRENGTH OF THE US COMMITMENT TO DEFEND SOUTH KOREA.  
THE NORTH WILL ALSO WEIGH THE CAPABILITIES AND THE READI-  
NESS OF SOUTH KOREAN TROOPS AND THE LIKELY REACTIONS OF  
CHINA AND THE USSR, BOTH OF WHICH HAVE MADE CLEAR THEIR  
DESIRE TO AVOID INCREASING TENSIONS ON THE KOREAN PENIN-  
SULA.

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